

# The PHANTOM'S EYE



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## Field training offers 'real-world' experiences

Members of the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron experienced a summer camp this year that may stay in their minds and hearts for years to come.

Of the 70 members sent to Germany, 53 were stationed at Rhein-Main AB where a terrorist bomb exploded Aug. 8. The bomb detonated some 75 yards from the group's dormitory as many were walking to work, eating breakfast in the dormitory snack-bar or preparing to leave their rooms.

Damage from the bomb included blown-out windows and holes in the walls of the building the group lived in. Although none of the Kentucky Guard members were injured, the terrorist bombing killed an airman and a civilian family member and injured 22 others.

The squadron's 15 firefighters, stationed at Hahn AB, were involved in some action of their own. The fire crew on duty at Hahn's Fire Department aided in fighting an F-16 aircraft fire. All seven of the Kentucky firefighters on duty were involved in the firefighting. The group had been on base less than 24 hours.

"Our people put their lives on the line," said SMSgt Richard Wilson, 123 CES fire chief. "But you don't think about that, you just do it."



KyANG photo by Terry Lutz

**SSgt James Dodds talks to TV crews about experiences in Germany where unit was TDY during car-bomb explosion.**

Members of the unit returned from Germany Aug. 11 to a hero's welcome. Families waited anxiously at the edge of the flightline to see that their loved ones were safe and home again. The scene included tears, laughter and a few hand-made posters to welcome the unit.

Media crews were also present, ready to tell the Guardsmen's story of their brush with terrorism. SSgt. Walter

Smith, 123 CES, told a Courier-Journal reporter, "You see it on TV, you read about it in the papers, but to be a part of it is another experience altogether."

The unit's feelings were evident as the plane touched down at Standiford Field and a wild cheer spread throughout the aircraft. The civil engineering squadron was glad to be back on Bluegrass soil.

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# Commander's Column



KyANG photo by Terry Lutz

**Brig. Gen. John Smith**  
**Commander**

As we close out Fiscal Year 85 a review of our goals and objectives show we have had an outstanding year. Each of you can look at these accomplishments with pride and satisfaction for a job well done.

Our goals during fiscal year 85 were:

1. Achieve an outstanding on the employment phase of the Operation Readiness Inspection -- **received** a strong excellent rating.
2. Achieve an excellent on the Stan/Eval inspection -- **received** an excellent rating.
3. Achieve an excellent on the Management Effectiveness Inspection -- **received** an excellent rating.
4. Accident free flying year -- **the 123 TRW** flew 18,717 hours without a Class A accident and has now flown 50,012.8 hours and 129 months since its last Class A command and control accident.
5. Achieve 100 percent manning -- **We** have achieved 104 percent manning.

6. Recipient of a major award (i.e. Spaatz/Wilson/AFOSU) -- **We** received our fourth consecutive AFOSUA and NGAUS Distinguished Flying Unit award.

The bottom line is that you have continued to excel and enhance the image of the National Guard and the Commonwealth of Kentucky in an outstanding manner and for that my deepest thanks and appreciation.

As there seems no end to your abilities I give you the following challenges for Fiscal Year 86.

1. Accident free flying year.
2. Reduce our ground accident rate by 5 percent versus Fiscal Year 85.
3. Receive recognition as the winner of either the Photo Finish competition or of NGAUS/AF unit award.
4. Achieve an overall excellent on the MEI (Stan/Eval is now included).
5. Manning of 110 percent.
6. Mission capable rate of 70 percent.
7. OJT upgrade rate of 9 percent.

# Chaplain's Column

**By Maj. Herbert Lattis**  
**Chaplain**

In the city of Venice there is a peculiar custom. Whenever a prisoner is going to be condemned to death, a tall and elderly individual dressed in a long black cloak walks majestically to the judges on the bench, and in a cavernous voice pronounces the

words, "Remember the baker!" Then he bows again and stalks away.

Three hundred years ago in that city of Venice a baker was executed for a crime of which he was not guilty. After he was dead and his innocence was established, the judges who condemned him gave a sum of money to the city, the interest of which was to be devoted to the setting up and perpetual burning in the Palace of the Doges of a lamp known as the "Lamp of Expiation."

And so to this day, before a criminal is condemned to death, that ghastly individual enters the court and warns the judges that human justice is liable to err and that the innocent are sometimes condemned in place of the guilty.

Often we, too, are hasty and rash in our judgements of others and we can too quickly execute their good reputations. The next time you're tempted to judge another person's character too hastily, "Remember the baker!"

## The Phantom's Eye

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## Letters

### Submitted by Recruiting Office

Over the next five years the reserve forces manpower is projected to increase 13.6 percent while the active force will grow 5.6 percent.

The Total Force's 15 year history reflects this nation's commitment to upgrade, modernize and expand the ARF to meet a growing threat.

In recent years the ARF has received modern weapons systems such as the F-16, F-15 and A-10s to upgrade combat capability. This modernization is programmed to continue as we now see C-5s and C-141s being transferred to reserve force.

The bottom line in all this is an expanding role and responsibility for

reserve forces which will place an increased demand on recruiting and retention of people.

Adequate manning is an important element of force readiness. Although the recruiting efforts have been very successful in recent years, we continue to experience shortages.

Recruiters need a helping hand with referrals from unit members. The retention is near 90 percent, which says that most everyone likes and is apparently enjoying their careers as Guardsmen. Bring a friend out and introduce him or her to the recruiters. A concentrated effort such as this will meet the recruiting goals and anticipated growth in Fiscal Year 86.

# Hospital earns satisfactory rating

The 123d Tactical Hospital received an overall rating of satisfactory on their I G Inspection which ran August 8 through 11.

Lt. Col. Bert L. Vigneus presided over the outbriefing at noon Aug. 11 in the wing conference room. Colonel Vigneus emphasized that the purpose of the inspection was to better prepare the Tactical Hospital to fulfill its mission. He emphasized that a "satisfactory" meant that the Tactical Hospital was fulfilling its mission. After reading the Tactical Hospital ratings that were above or below satisfactory, he announced the overall rating.

This rating was based on a satisfactory rating of Health Services and

## Unit fulfills mission

Management (40 percent) and on a satisfactory rating of Medical Readiness Training (60 percent).

After Colonel Vigneus's closing comments of his team's appreciation for the Tactical Hospital's hospitality, cooperation and typing support, Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, the 123rd TRW commander, spoke about the inspection. General Smith stated he was proud of the Tactical Hospital's performance and that they had nothing to be

ashamed of. He went on to say that Colonel Vigneus told him to have no fear: the Tactical Hospital was supporting the unit.

General Smith reminded those attending the briefing that the inspectors worked with the Tactical Hospital using "a mechanical checklist" for the few days they were there; he worked with them 365 days a year. He acknowledged the Tactical Hospital did have a documentation problem and he would be working with them in the future to correct it. In many cases, however, he stated that the work was done, but just not recorded.

General Smith ended his comments by stating it was a fair evaluation.

## Courageous action saves aircraft; earns captain medal

"The unselfish courage and clear-headedness displayed resulted in the safe egress of the aircrew and the preservation of a valuable Air Force asset."

So read the citation to accompany the award of Air Force Commendation Medal for heroism presented to Capt. John W. Amshoff, 123 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, during the August drill by the wing commander.

Captain Amshoff was rewarded for his heroic action on April 18 when he was assigned as runway supervisory officer. While performing his duties an RF-4C experienced a blown tire on

takeoff. This caused the disintegration of the main landing gear wheel and punctured the left external wing tank.

His first reaction, after seeing the tire blow out, was to notify the control tower to dispatch crash, fire and rescue equipment.

"With total disregard for his own well-being Captain Amshoff immediately drove to the point at which the aircraft had stopped and disembarked from the runway supervisory unit with a fire extinguisher and approached the area in which he saw flames to fight the fire," read Brig. Gen. John Smith, wing commander.



Capt. John Amshoff  
Saved aircraft

## Photo Finish includes maintenance

The 1985 Photo Finish competition in October not only concentrates on aircrew performance, but beginning this year will include a maintenance evaluation.

It's important that the unit functions as a team, according to Capt. Paul Stone, officer in charge of maintenance for the competition. "All the Kentucky Air National Guard is part of the team," he said.

The guardsmen and the maintenance technicians will be working together, according to Captain Stone.

Five airplanes and maintenance crews went to Boise, Idaho in August

to practice for the reconnaissance competition. Teams will go to Reno, Nev., Sept. 16-20 to acclimate themselves to terrain similar to that found in the California area where the competition will be held.

To prepare for competition the crews have completely painted the aircraft, reconditioned the cockpits and inspected tools and tool boxes to ensure they are within regulations, according to Captain Stone.

Crews will be evaluated on aircraft appearance/condition, cockpit appearance/condition, tool control and equipment condition, technical data

condition and availability and the accuracy and condition of aircraft forms.

Photo Finish competition includes not only Guard and Reserve units, but members of the active Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Canadian and Austrian forces.

This year's competition will be held at McClellan AFB, Calif., from Oct. 5-12.

Other categories along with the maintenance evaluation include:

- day reconnaissance mission;
- night reconnaissance mission;
- day tactical mission; and
- military equipment recognition for imagery interpretation teams.





SSgt Robert Richardson installs ceramic tile.



SrA Douglas Brimer prepares building entrance.

# Training

## Civil engineers build, fight fires, tour Germany

Story and Photos By  
SSgt. Jenny Montgomery  
Public Affairs Office

On between fighting an F-16 aircraft fire and surviving a car bomb detonated 75 yards from their dormitory, 70 members of the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron managed to receive many hours of on-the-job training.

The unit traveled to Germany July 27 for two weeks. Engineers at Rhein-Main Air Base, where 53 of the Guardsmen were stationed, continued a construction project to build a new European Air Command professional military education training facility.

Throughout the summer, Guard and Reserve units from the United States have spent their two-week annual field training constructing the facility.

Members of the Kentucky squadron prepared drywall for painting, pre-hung and connected heaters, painted

both the interior and exterior, installed plumbing, laid tile, installed drop ceilings and poured concrete for the entrance.

Much of the work was different for the crews because German regulations and standards are different than American codes.

The Rhein-Main contingent also managed to appear on the American Forces Network television news. A camera crew and reporter from Frankfurt visited the job site to interview the construction workers and video tape their progress on the building. The tape of the Kentucky group was shown on the evening news program and again on a Saturday feature show.

At Hahn Air Base, the 15 Kentucky firefighters managed to get in their own training. After the first crew on duty fought an actual F-16 aircraft fire, the two crews spent the

remainder of their time receiving annual proficiency and certification training.

The teams fought day and night pit fires, trained on day and night aircraft extraction exercises and simulated fighting day and night structural fires.

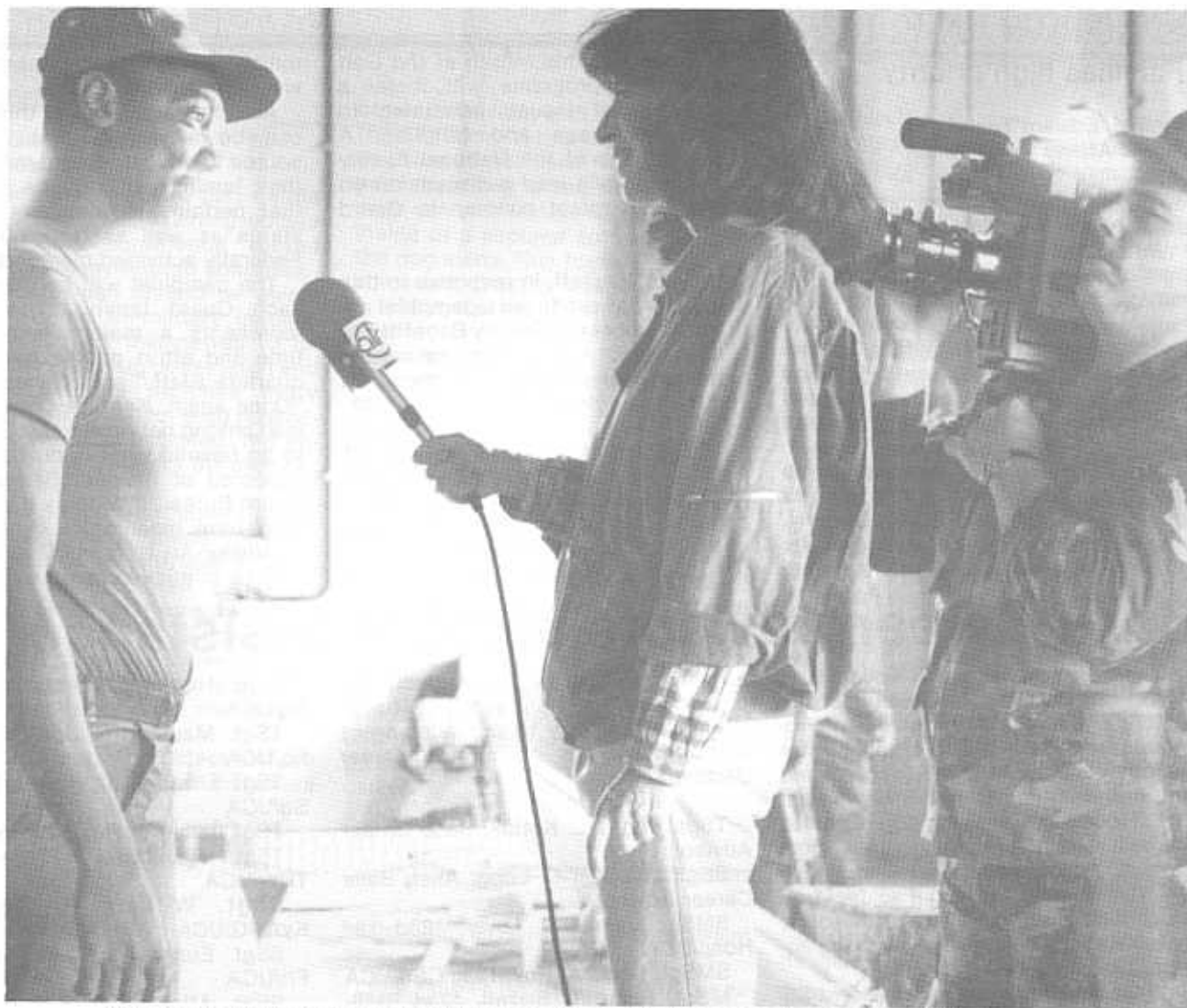
Each firefighter also received proficiency training on the firefighting vehicles, airpicks and breathing apparatus.

Three members of the unit also went to Zweibruchun Air Base to participate in a NATO training exercise.

Although the 70 people in the unit received required training in varying occupations, each also experienced another type of training. Part of the unit's two-week field trip included experiencing another country's lifestyles and customs, mingling with the locals and after-duty sightseeing excursions.



...nce for paving.



SrA Kevin Talbert answers questions from AFN Frankfurt reporter, Cathy Beavers.



Danny Cox and Sgt. Ken Stewart offload gear after fighting simulated fire.

# State Notes

## Families high priority

By Maj. Edward Tonini  
Public Affairs Staff Officer

Families of Kentucky Air National Guard members have become a high priority for Headquarters, KyANG. "Without the understanding and support of Air Guard families we cannot maintain the level of military excellence, Kentucky has come to expect," said assistant Adjutant General for Air, Brig. Gen. Fred Bradley. "It has become a top priority across the board in the National Guard both Army and Air."

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman is so thoroughly committed to Guard families that he has, as host Adjutant General, placed the topic on the agenda of the 107th NGAUS General Conference be-

ing conducted this month at the Galt House. The programs will foster a discussion of issues pertaining to military spouses and families. A representative of the National Family Association will lead a discussion on topics of greatest concern to Guard families.

Hq KyANG staff, in response to this emphasis has produced a pamphlet entitled "Member and Family Benefits." It is 65 pages of information that can be extremely valuable to unit members and their families.

The pamphlet is a guide to applicable laws, service procedures, entitlements and benefits which affect personal and military affairs. It also contains a convenient form to be used for recording information about

military service, family assets and survivor protection.

As a handy reference, this pamphlet can be a very helpful information source to educate Guard members and their families. It contains information that pertains to members on Guard status as well as issues relating to Federally activated members.

The pamphlet will be distributed to each Guard family. "The pamphlet represents a major commitment of time and effort on the part of Headquarters Staff," said General Bradley. "Once again, Kentucky has taken the lead among nationwide Air Guard units to go beyond what is provided by and expected of its peer States and the Guard Bureau. We think it will provide long term meaningful benefit to the Kentucky Air National Guard and just may be mimicked by other States."

## Base Career Advisors provide assistance

Those individuals who enlisted as Non Prior Service members under the \$4000.00 Educational Assistance Program, who have NEVER applied for reimbursement under this program and are not intending to use this program for Education Benefits, may want to consider switching over to the "cash bonus," according to TSgt. Peggy Kottak, Base Career Advisor. If so, feel free to contact the Base Career Advisor at ext. 604 for more information or the action to take.

"I would like to welcome aboard SS Deborah D. Long as the Assistant Base Career Advisor," said Sergeant Kottak. Sergeant Long, as well as the Unit Career Advisors, are available for assisting all members of the Kentucky

Air National Guard in career decisions or problems/questions they may have.

Please feel free to contact any of these individuals concerning career decisions.

TSgt. Peggy L. Kottak, Base Career Advisor

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## 35-10 Reg

By 2nd Lt. Denny Lewis  
Chief, Personnel Utilization

A lot has been said lately about Air Force Regulation 35-10. You know...the regulation that deals with haircuts and uniforms. The only regulation that just about everyone in the Air Force/ANG is at least a little familiar. Well, just about everyone...it seems that the ladies don't think that when we talk about haircuts, uniforms, and jewelry, that 35-10 applies to them also. Well, guess what, Ladies...IT DOES! The following are some extracts from AFR 35-10 that

YOU ladies should pay particular attention to:

**HAIR:** Must be styled to present a feminine appearance. It must not extend in length on all sides below an invisible line drawn parallel to the ground at the bottom edge of the shirt collar at the back of the neck.

**JEWELRY:** Wrist watches and rings are allowed, but no more than a total of three rings on both hands at any one time is permitted. One bracelet not wider than 1 inch is permitted. Women may wear small, conservative gold, white pearl or silver spherical pierced or clip earrings with all uniforms. Only one earring or healing post may be worn on or in each earlobe. Ornaments on the head, visible ornaments around the neck, (necklaces), and ornaments

on eyeglass lenses or frame are prohibited while on duty or in uniform.

**SKIRT:** Not shorter than 2 inches above the top of the kneecap, nor longer than 2 inches below the bottom of the kneecap.

**HOSE:** Neutral or dark brown shades only. Patterned and dark blue hose are not permitted.

**UMBRELLA:** Plain, solid dark blue or black only.

**FOOTWEAR:** Heels no higher than 2½ inches or lower than 1 inch. Shoes with platform soles, extra thick soles or heels, or wedge heels will not be worn.

**SHIRTS:** The new long sleeve blouse with convertible collar must be worn with the tie tab. The new short sleeve blouse with convertible collar can be worn with or without tie tab.



# Legal Briefs

## TDY overseas

By Capt. Gary L. Napier  
Legal Officer

TDY's are an inevitable part of the life of a Guardsman. Training occurs throughout the continental United States and in many foreign countries.

Each Guardsman should be aware that by traveling to military installations they subject themselves to intense scrutiny for drug possession and use. This scrutiny includes every available means to detect drug possession and use. Once detected, the implications on the career of the member are devastating.

Drug detection dogs routinely patrol military installations. These dogs are specially trained to sniff out all controlled substances. Their sense of smell is an effective means to detect the presence of drugs of all sorts. This method of detection is achieved simply by walking the dog through a parking lot of automobiles or down the hallway of a barracks.

These drug dogs can detect residue on a pipe or roach clip within distances

of two to 20 feet, with walls separating the dog from the residue, and when the device was not used for several days prior to being detected. These drug dogs can smell drugs concealed on the inside of a secured automobile. Once the dog alerts, this forms a basis for a command directed search of the area.

Urinalysis testing is now common at military installations. Every commander may conduct command directed urinalysis testing whereby all members of the unit are required to provide a urine specimen.

Additionally, commanders can direct selected individuals to provide urine samples if they suspect drug involvement. The samples are analyzed at a qualified laboratory. The testing procedures currently in use can detect residue of drug use that occurred up to 15 days prior to the test.

The results of these detecting devices are a basis for punitive action and discharge. Detection of drug use and possession normally results in punishment and the end of a military career.

Military travel often occurs outside the United States to a foreign country. These countries use the same and additional detecting devices discussed above. Additionally, border searches are common. Travelers will be inspected when crossing into the boundaries of a foreign nation and upon return into the United States.

The United States has a treaty with most foreign nations called a State of Forces Agreement. These treaties will vary but it is not uncommon for the foreign nation to have jurisdiction to prosecute drug offenses within their territorial limits. Foreign drug laws vary greatly and are generally much harsher on drug offenders than the United States. There are many military members now serving prison sentences in foreign countries for drug possession.

Be advised, drug use and possession is incompatible with military standards. The military actively pursues detection of the use and possession of drugs. Once detected it is too late. The consequences don't justify the risk.

# Medical Minutes

## Car accidents

By Lt. Col. Jacquelyn Reid  
Environmental Services

The largest single threat to life and limb in the United States is the motor vehicle accident. More children and adolescents are killed or injured annually by automobiles than by childhood illnesses.

Technology for reducing infant and child death and injury from automobile accidents already exists in the form of restraint seats and automobile seat belts. Research indicates that a child riding unrestrained in an automobile has 14 times greater chance of being

killed than one riding in a restraint seat.

The reason for this is simple to explain. When the automobile is traveling along a roadway, at whatever rate of speed, the passengers are traveling forward at the same rate of speed. When automobile breaks are rapidly applied, passengers who are not restrained continue to travel forward at the rate of speed the vehicle was traveling.

While adults have the additional weight and strength required to control their forward momentum, infants and children become mobile objects, endangering themselves and other

passengers. There is the additional danger of unrestrained children being thrown from the moving vehicle.

In 1984, the Commonwealth of Kentucky implemented legislation that supports seat belt and safety seat use by small children. However, I still observe children standing on auto seats while the vehicle is in motion. Are your children among those I've seen? If we really believe that children are a resource for the future, we must all protect that resource.

Teach your children while they are young to use restraint seats and seat belts. Then, it will become a lifetime habit.

## WORTH REPEATING

**"Most quarrels are inevitable at the time; incredible afterwards."**

—E. M. Forster,  
British novelist

**"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."**

—Eleanor Roosevelt

# Bits-n-Pieces

## PROMOTIONS AND DECORATIONS

### Air Force Commendation Medal:

Lt. Col. Lee W. Kirkwood  
Maj. Kenneth E. Voelker  
Capt. Clifford D. Chambers  
Capt. John W. Amshoff Jr.

### Air Force Achievement Medal:

Capt. David B. Moremen  
Capt. Daniel G. Wells

### CONGRATULATIONS: Recent Promotions

#### TO: CAPT

Robert J. Abell

#### TO: TSGT (E-6)

Calvin L. Leisure Jr.

#### TO: SSGT (E-5)

Ronald G. Horn  
Gerrald S. Manlavi  
Joseph S. Minor  
Mark D. Webb

Michael S. Cunningham  
Deborah D. Dickerson  
Thomas D. Milliner

#### TO: A1C (E-3)

Sharron K. Boger  
William L. Keehn  
Christopher A. Lambert  
William E. Sale Jr.  
Christopher J. Shufeldt  
Charles G. Thompson

#### TO: SRA (E-4)

Danny V. Barker  
Mark C. Cottrell

## '86 Drills

Unit training assemblies for the Kentucky Air National Guard in 1986 are:

Jan. 11 - 12	July 12-13
Feb. 8 - 9	Aug. 9 - 10
March 8 - 9	Sept. 6 - 7
April 5 - 6	Oct. 4 - 5
May 17 - 18	Nov. 1 - 2
June 7 - 8	Dec. 6 - 7

## In History

**FIVE YEARS AGO  
SEPTEMBER 1980**

Prepared By TSgt. Larry Farr  
Wing Historian

Probably the most interesting event of five years ago this month was the Sept. 14 Open House. Over 40,000 visitors came to view more than 45 different military and experimental aircraft.

The parking ramp was filled with firefighters, bombers, cargo, trainers and special purpose aircraft representing the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. The "star of the show" was the C-5A Galaxy, the world's largest aircraft, making its first public appearance in Kentucky at the fourth annual event.

To verbally describe its mammoth size, the view from the cockpit of a C-5A is similar to that from a seven or eight story window. The Galaxy is capable of carrying over 200,000 pounds or the equivalent of two M-60 tanks.

The highlight of the afternoon was the flyover of the 165 TRS RF-4C Phantoms and a concert performed by the U.S. Air Force Band from Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

Military aircraft on display included the F-15 Eagle, F-16 New Jet Fighter, F-111 Swing-Wing Fighter, F-105G Thunderchief, F-106 Delta Dart, A-7 Corsair II, A-10 Thunderbolt II, A-37 Dragonfly, F-14 Tomcat, A-4A Skyhawk

and AV-8A Harrier. Trainer aircraft on display included the T-33 T-Bird, T-34 Turbo Mentor, T-38 Talon, T-39 Sabreliner, T-28B Trojan, Helio Courier and U-3 Centurion.

Cargo aircraft included the KC-135 Stratotanker, C-130 Hercules, C-SA Galaxy, C-131 Samaritan, C-7 Caribou and C-141 Starlifter. Antique aircraft on display included a F-S1 Mustang, a C-54 Skymaster, a C-47 Gooneybird, a B-25 Billy Mitchell, an SNJ-5 Biplane, a T-6 Texan, and an RF-101 Voodoo.

•The 165 TRS provided RF-4C and aircrew for static displays at Langley AFB, VA. and Plattsburg AFB, N.Y. The 165 TRS aircrews also accomplished an aerial imagery for the Dayton Climatology Project as requested by Wright-Patterson AFB.

•The Combined Federal Campaign was initiated at Standiford Field with Maj. Edwin H. Hornung as base chairman.

•During the 102nd General Conference of NGAUS at Las Vegas, Nevada, the 123 TRW received the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque and the 123 CAM received the Explosive Safety Plaque. The conference was held Sept. 11-25.

•Governor John Y. Brown Jr., was the keynote speaker at Dining-In VIII, attended by 620 officers of the KY Army/Air National Guard. Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General,

presented two mementoes to the Governor.

•The September issue of the Kuku Fan, the Japanese Aviation Magazine, incorporated a ten page feature story with pictures on the Kentucky Air National Guard.

